

BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSE TO NAA INTERROGATORY 21

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its response to interrogatory NAA/USPS-21. The interrogatory was filed on January 13, 1998. The response filed today was due to have been filed no later than January 27, 1998 -- three days ago. Consultations among departments within USPS Headquarters interested in the subject matter of the interrogatory could not be completed until yesterday. As a consequence, the response could not be filed until today. The Postal Service believes that no party will be prejudiced by this late filing and has transmitted a copy of the response to counsel for NAA today.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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